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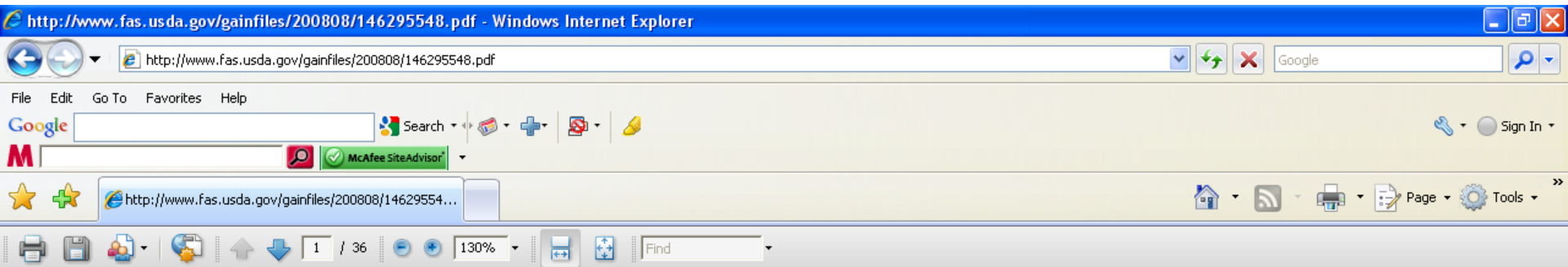
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AIT American Institute in Taiwan
 ATO Agricultural Trade Office
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 USEU U.S. Mission to the European Union
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Physical Location

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The export market, for California produced foods, drugs, and medical devices has increased significantly. Many countries require the submission of export documents issued by the California Department of Public Health before importation of California manufactured products is permitted. These documents certify that the manufacturer and its products are subject to the health standards required by the Department, and that the Department does not object to the sale of the products in California or the shipment of the products to other countries. The Department understands that exporters need these documents quickly to avoid shipping delays and unnecessary storage costs.

The California Health and Safety Code provides mechanisms to assure that adequate resources are available to provide California exporters with timely export documents. Effective July 1, 1993, this new law establishes a one-time fee of \$101.71 plus an hourly charge of \$80 (a minimum charge of \$25) to review and process export and distributor certificates. A flat fee of \$15 is charged for an official copy of a license, permit, registration, or certificate of manufacture. Please click here to download a copy of this application. PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS: California Department of Public Health, Food and Drug Branch MS-7602, 1500 Capitol Avenue, Suite 72-436, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Our goal is to issue export documents within 15 working days of request receipt. All export document requests must be made using the linked application form and submitted to our office with the appropriate fee. If you have any questions, please contact the [Export Document Processor](#) at (916) 650-6500 or e-mail to the link above.

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Contact person's name		Telephone number ()	E-mail address

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TTB now also accepts a laboratory report from a TTB-Certified Laboratory (in lieu of sample submission to the TTB Laboratory) for total sulfur dioxide analysis for label approval of wines whose label do not bear a sulfite declaration ([Compliance Matters 94-2](#)).

A chemist or enologist interested in applying for certification for wine should complete the analyses listed in [ATF Procedure 86-2](#) on one red wine and one white wine. They should then send their transcripts, resume, the results of their analyses, and one 750 mL bottle of each sample to the National Laboratory Center, Beverage Alcohol Laboratory, 6000 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

A chemist or enologist interested in applying for certification for distilled spirits should complete the analyses listed in [Revenue Procedure 69-22](#) on one straight product and one blended product. They should then send their transcripts, resume, the results of their analyses, and one 750 mL bottle of each sample to the National Laboratory Center, Beverage Alcohol Laboratory, 6000 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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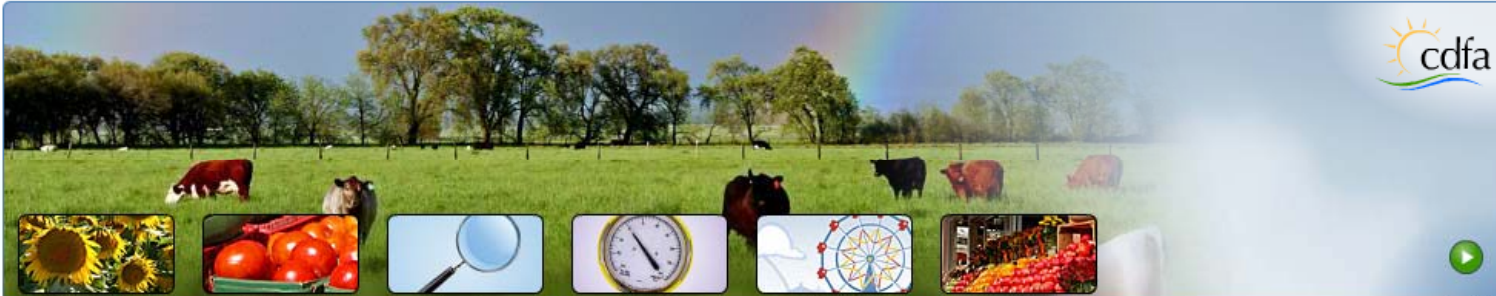
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AMS inspects fresh and processed fruits, vegetables, nuts and specialty products to certify the class, quality, quantity and condition of agricultural products when shipped or received in interstate commerce. Anyone with a financial interest in a load of product may request grading services. Our inspectors, or those of our State cooperators, perform their duties at field locations, in packing sheds, at receiving markets and in processing plants.

Applicants for AMS inspection services may specify the type of inspection required according to U.S. Grade Standards and contract terms, i.e., full inspection (quality and condition), condition only, weight or count only, temperature only, or a combination of these certifications. Services are mostly voluntary, except when mandated by Federal marketing orders.

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Processed Products Branch



The mission of the Processed Products Branch (PPB) is to facilitate the marketing of processed fruit and vegetables and related products in domestic and international markets. To fulfill this mission and provide quality services responsive to customer needs, the PPB has developed a variety of innovative programs tailored to meet evolving industry trends.

The Processed Products Branch is responsible for the grading, inspection, and certification of canned, frozen, and dehydrated fruit and vegetables, as well as other related products. The Branch also develops and maintains U.S. grade standards, grading manuals, inspection aids, and color guides for these products; and commercial item descriptions for all commodities.

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Fresh Products Grading and Quality Certification



If you are part of the vast U.S. fruit and vegetable market, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) official grading services can make your farm or company more profitable. For sellers, these services ensure that their products meet specified grade or contract requirements; for buyers, grading services ensure that they get the quality that they expect.

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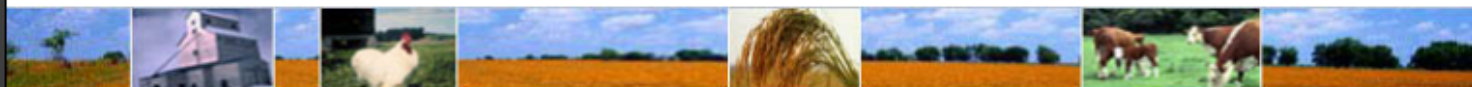
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The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, cereals, oilseeds, and related agricultural products, and promotes fair and competitive trading practices for the overall benefit of consumers and American agriculture.

GIPSA is part of USDA's Marketing and Regulatory Programs, which are working to ensure a productive and competitive global marketplace for U.S. agricultural products.

In the News**J. Dudley Butler Named GIPSA Administrator**

Central Beef Ind., LLC is Assessed a Civil Penalty In the Amount of \$14,000 (May 14, 2009)

Guidance to Live Poultry Dealers on Arbitration Provisions in Contracts (04/30/09)

Mike and Lisa Robertson to Pay Fine for Not Filing Report with USDA (04/30/09)

Lee Johnson Suspended as a Registrant for Six Years (04/30/09)

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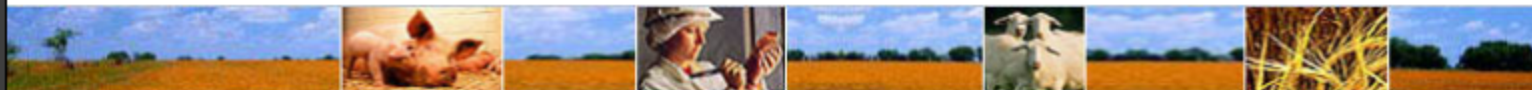
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Markets & Trade

Data and Statistics

GIPSA offers a variety of [data and statistical products](#) that provide information about America's grain and livestock markets.

International Trade Services

GIPSA offers various services that keep America's grain flowing to our international customers. We provide [information for grain exporters](#), [educational programs](#), [outreach programs](#), [marketing documents](#) that address the requirements of importing countries, and programs to address grain quality or quantity [discrepancies](#) between buyer and seller.

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Official Export Grain Inspection Certificates Exhibits

Clarifying Official Inspection Certificates for Grain Shipments

Marketing Documents Related to Biotechnology

- Protocol for Sampling and Testing Rice for the European Union (01/01/08)
- Statement for Non-Transgenic Wheat (FGIS Program Notice 04-03, dated 11/24/03)
- Statement of Intent with Respect to the Export of U.S. Corn
- Measures Regarding U.S. Food Corn Export to Japan
- Guidelines for Implementing the Protocol for Food Corn (Yellow) Exported to Japan

Letterhead Marketing Statements

- Letterhead Transgenic and Biotechnology Statements for Grain and Graded Commodities, GIPSA Directive 9180.67
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Exporter Registration

The [United States Grain Standards Act \(USGSA\)](#), 7 U.S.C. 87f-1, requires the registration of all persons engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce. In addition, those individuals who handle, weigh, or transport grain for sale in foreign commerce must register.

To register as an Exporter, visit our [FGISonline Exporter Registration web application](#) or download the [FGIS-945 Application for Registration](#).

The USGSA regulations, 7CFR 800.30-39, define foreign commerce grain business as persons who regularly engage in buying for sale, handling, weighing, or transporting grain totaling 15,000 metric tons or more during the preceding or current calendar year.

For more information, interested parties should contact GIPSA's Compliance Division.

- Telephone: 202-720-8262
- Fax: 202-690-2755

Prospective registrants must submit completed applications along with the required fee to:

USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, CP
Regulatory Branch, STOP 3604
1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 1647-S
Washington, DC 20250-3604

Click here for the listing of [Registered Grain Exporter's Directory](#).

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What We Do....

The Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch (MDFS) is charged with the mission and responsibility of ensuring that California's milk, milk products, and products resembling milk products are safe and wholesome, meet microbial and compositional requirements and are properly labeled.

The MDFS is the only state program with comprehensive expertise, experience and training in the dairy industry from farm to table, including milk production, handling and processing technology unique to the dairy industry.

We inspect dairy farms and milk processing plants, and collect samples of milk and milk products to assure consumer safety. We also ensure that tests used to determine the basis of payment for milk are accurate; and evaluate dairy farms, milk plants, and laboratories for the [United States Food and Drug Administration \(US FDA\)](#) for dairy products in interstate commerce.

California is the leading milk producing state in the nation producing over 38 billion pounds of milk in 2006. Milk produced on California dairy farms accounts for over 21% of the nation's total milk supply.

Milk Plant Listings

California Milk Pooling– Lists by Plant Name, City, phone number, and type of product produced:

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US FDA Center for Food Safety and Nutrition – [California IMS Plants \(Plants involved in Interstate Commerce\)](#) (HTML 94 KB Link) By Plant Name. Lists Plant Name, City Plant number and product codes. Also indicates most recent inspection score.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. AMS has about 5,500 employees who are located throughout the United States.

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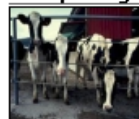
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Dairy Programs



The mission of Dairy Programs is to assist the dairy industry by providing stability and orderliness in the dairy marketplace, while at the same time assuring the availability of an adequate supply of high-quality milk and dairy products for U.S. consumption.

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Dairy Grading

Dairy grading assists the dairy industry in marketing high-quality dairy products by providing buyers and sellers with an impartial appraisal of product quality and to provide the consumer confidence in buying.

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European Union Health Certification Program

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